

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/721,798

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 27 January 2006, 17 May 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-12,14,16-18,28-34 renumbered 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>5-17-06</u> |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Response to Final Office Action, received 27 January 2006, is acknowledged. Claims 1, 3, 14, and 16 have been amended. New claims 31-34 have been added.
2. Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 16-18, and 28-34 are pending and under consideration.

Rejections Withdrawn

3. The rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Andersen et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,955,077) is withdrawn.
4. The rejection of claims 1, 3-12, 14, 16-18, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary R. Tanigawa, Reg. No. 43,180, on 16 May 2006 and 17 May 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein a peptide panel is employed, wherein said panel includes comprising peptides of the sequences consisting of SEQ ID NOS:1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10, wherein one or more peptides may be substituted by said analogue.

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16. (currently amended) A kit comprising a peptide panel, wherein said panel includes ~~comprising peptides of the sequences~~ consisting of SEQ ID NOS:1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10, wherein one or more peptides may be substituted by said an analogue which binds a T cell receptor which recognizes the peptide.

Delete claims 31-34.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 16-18, and 28-30 are allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., Art Unit 1645, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette F. Smith, can be reached on (571)272-0864.

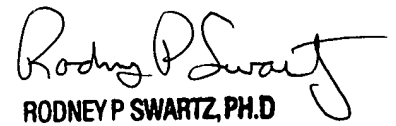
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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May 17, 2006